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GIRL PUTS TORCH TO ORPHANAGE

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES KLANSMEN, IS CHARGE

RINGER DENIES KU KLUX KLAN AFFILIATION

Says It Is a Scheme To Drive Away His Friends On The Southside

South Side voters have been alarmed by the rumble and underground roars warning them about the activities of the Ku Klux Klan and their members who in sheep's clothes have attempted to gain the favor of the Black voters. Rumors are heard that members of the Klan already hold offices in the State's Attorney's Department and a new magazine which recently makes its appearance in the battlefield against the klansmen declares that Wm. H. Bennett is one of these men.

Accuse Ringer
Chas. Ringer, Republican candidate for the office of county treasurer, is also rumored and alleged to be a member of the Klan. This statement Mr. Ringer emphatically denies. On Tuesday evening he was interviewed by a member of The Chicago Whip's staff and issued the following statement.

It has been brought to my attention that my political opponents are making statements to the voters of Chicago that I am affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan. I am not a member of this organization, and as I understand their rules a man must be born in United States to become a member. I do not even qualify, as I was born in Nova Scotia on February 17, 1874. Mr. Ringer made it plain that he had no sympathy with the Klan and knew only one religion and one race—the Christian faith and the human race.

Will Expose Klansmen
The Chicago Whip will publish the names of all members of the Ku Klux Klan who have aspirations and ambitions to hold public office and it is known that the voters of the South Side will not give them their support at the polls in the coming election.

STUDENTS STRIKE AS WATER SURROUNDS SCHOOLHOUSE

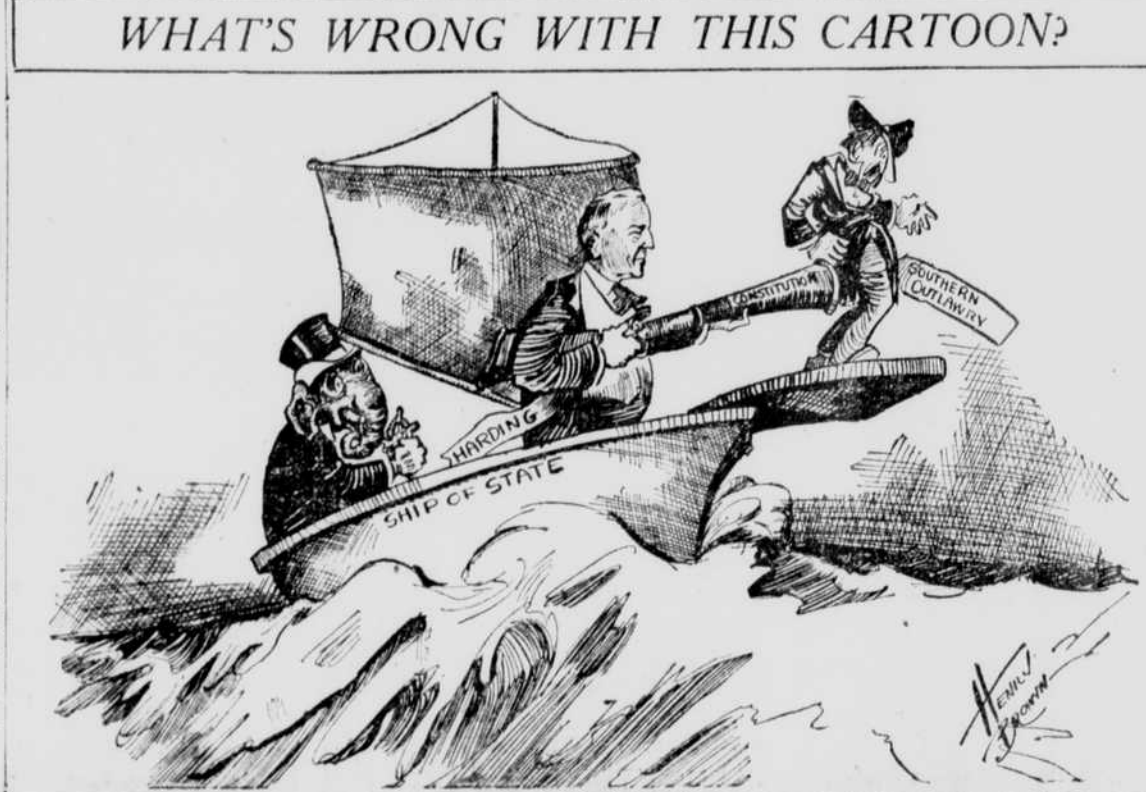
BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 23.—Although the principal and teachers have been in constant attendance, not one of the 165 students of the Sparrows Point Public School has reported for instruction for over two weeks. The trouble arises from the fact that the school is surrounded with water to a depth of several inches. Access can only be gained by walking over a narrow strip of boards.

SHOTS FIRED AT KU KLUX RITES

FREDERICK CITY, Md., Sept. 23.—Open opposition developed to the formation of the Ku-Klux Klan in this county when about twenty shots were fired at members of the Frederick Klan during a ceremonial at which a number of candidates were inducted.

The ceremonial was put on in a field about a mile west of Frederick, and had just opened when the gunfire started. One of the bullets shattered the windshield of a klansman's automobile. A member of the Klan returned the fire, according to an eye witness, and the fusillade was kept up until the attacking party retreated. The Klan has offered a reward of \$50 for information leading to the identity and arrest of those who started the firing.

Puts on Charcoal Stages Holdup
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 23.—A white man blacked his face with charcoal and held up the offices of the Crescent Creamery Co. here, getting away with \$1,400 last week.



SALVATION ARMY ASKING HALF MILLION

Organization work for the annual home service campaign of the Salvation Army began in earnest this week with the acceptance of Cyrus H. McCormick, Jr., of the responsible post of chairman of the executive committee.

At a luncheon of the executive committee at the Union League Club, Friday, Mr. McCormick outlined the plan for the campaign, and also announced that he was asking about thirty of Chicago's most prominent business and professional men to serve with him. Plans to co-ordinate the work of the men's and women's division of the committee were also discussed.

Mrs. Joseph Fish, chairman of the women's division, entertained group chairmen of the women's division at a luncheon at the Chicago Women's Club on Saturday to discuss plans for their participation. Miss Agnes Foreman, chairman of the Women's auxiliary of the Salvation Army, announced that she expected to have 40,000 women enrolled in the auxiliary before the drive opens on October 16 and they hope to reach every home in Chicago with the Salvation Army appeal.

The army is asking \$498,000 to carry on its work in Chicago in 1923. The army budget, showing how this sum is to be spent, has been approved in detail by the Chicago Advisory Board, of which the late Francis S. Peabody, was chairman. The hard-headed business men on the board subjected the budget to a searching scrutiny and agreed that this sum was necessary if the army is to function efficiently. None of the money will be spent outside of Chicago.

Mrs. Doris L. Chapman has been named chairman of the publicity committee for the campaign. Mrs. Chapman has directed the publicity for Liberty Loan drives and many charitable efforts, and is organizing a committee to lay the army message before every citizen of Chicago.

STARTS FIRE WITH GASOLINE, MAN WILL RECOVER

Irving Clark, 38, 2807 Wentworth Avenue, was in a hurry to get a fire started in a stove in his home Saturday. The wood would not catch, so he poured what he thought was kerosene on it. But it happened to be gasoline instead. After the explosion it was found that Clark was painfully burned about the neck and chest. He will recover.

GARVEY SEEKING AFRICAN MANDATE FROM LEAGUE

GENEVA, Sept. 13.—A contingent of Negroes representing Marcus A. Garvey, "Provisional President of Africa," appeared before the League of Nations today and demanded that it "grant to the Negroes of the world a mandate for South Africa." The spokesmen of the party were Jean Joseph Adam, a Haitian and Lee Van Sherrill of New York. They declared that they would demonstrate their ability to run a government if the league granted them authority to do so.

The New York Spokesman said that the delegation was acting under the authority of the United Negro Congress, recently held in that city. The league secretariat acknowledged receipt of the petition.

BULLETS FLY IN NEW YORK'S Y. W. C. A. ROOMS

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 23.—The calm of the Harlem branch of the Y. W. C. A. was rudely broken last week during a meeting of the Appomattox Republican Club. The shots were fired by Clarence Cobb, custodian of the building.

The trouble started when D. W. Goodall, a member of the club, arose under the influence of liquor, and attempted to break up the meeting. The Rev. R. M. Bolden, who was in charge of the meeting, asked Mr. Cobb to eject the drunken man, giving him instructions not to read him in case he should return. Goodall left the building, but returned sometime later, still more drunk, and brandishing a revolver. Cobb then seized his own pistol and fired it, wounding Goodall in the hip. He was taken to a hospital, where it was ascertained that his wounds were only of a minor nature. When sufficiently sobered, he expressed regret for his actions.

The Rev. Mr. Bolden is candidate for the assembly from the 18th District.

Elks Purchase Home Site

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept. 23.—Hawkeye Lodge No. 160, I. B. P. O. E., has taken the initial steps in erecting a beautiful clubhouse. The site has been chosen and the land purchased.

MASONS DOUBT ABDUL IS ON THE LEVEL

NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 23.—Abdul Hamid Suleiman of Khartoum, Sudan, Egypt, present address 143 West 130th Street, is a greatly disappointed man. To newspaper reporters last week, he declared he was confident that the 200,000 colored American Shriners would be glad to have him among them as "true" Shriners of Mecca in Arabia and thereby make it difficult or impossible, he said, for the white Shriners to go any further with the federal injunction proceedings they have instituted to restrain the Negro organization from using the name Mystic Shrine or wearing Shrine emblems.

When the matter was brought to his attention, Caesar R. Blake of Charlotte, N. C., Imperial Potentate of the Shriners, issued the following statement:

"American Negroes would have to become Mohammedans in order to accept Suleiman's offer, and American Negroes are Christians. That settles it."

"Therefore Abdul will do no appointing nor will he collect assessments from each of the 200,000 which was to be paid by him at Mecca when he returned there to inscribe their names."

"As to Abdul's authority, I have no reason to doubt it. Abdul appeared before the Imperial Council of the Negro Shriners in Washington last month, and after offering to authenticate his credentials, wrote them out in Arabic. No one could read the document except Abdul, however. It was turned over to the State Department, which at last accounts was still trying to decipher it."

"The authority for the Negro Shrine organization in America is well authenticated as a branch of the Prince Hall order of Masons. Our organization expects a favorable decision from the courts in the litigation now pending against the colored Shrine in Texas and Arkansas."

Professor Quits As School Standard Is Lowered

DOVER, Del., Sept. 23.—Dr. W. C. Jason, president of the State College for Colored Students, resigned his post last week. He gave as his reason dissatisfaction at the lowering of the school's standard.

Nab Woman, 74, As Vagrant

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23.—An aged woman, 74 years of age, who described herself as Mrs. Fannie Taylor, was arrested and brought into court on a charge of vagrancy last week. She was selling newspapers in front of the Patent Office Building when arrested.

EIGHTEEN DROWN WHEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

Death Halts Motor Party When Bridge Gives Way, Plunging Many In River.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Sept. 23.—Eighteen young people lost their lives Monday afternoon when a truck load of thirty persons returning from Nichols, Ga., bound for Homerville, went through a bridge spanning the Satilla river. The truck with its load was too heavy for the frame bridge which broke in the middle and dropped some twenty feet with those who lost their lives and the few who miraculously escaped.

Bodies Recovered
The bodies were recovered during Monday night and the forenoon today, and were brought to Homerville, where most of the drowned ones resided, and given a resting place in the burial ground there. The Baptist Church of that place was turned into a morgue. The seats of the middle aisle of the church were removed and one after another of the dead lay on the floor as stricken families and friends and hundreds of sympathizers looked into the faces of the unfortunate.

It seems that the party traveling in a two-ton truck was getting back on its way home from an outing and that as the driver was not aware of the frail condition of the wooden bridge he did not hesitate to cross it with his loaded vehicle. Just ahead of the truck was a large touring car which was also loaded with friends of the occupants of the truck. This machine got across all right, but when the heavy truck got midway of the bridge it was heard to make a loud noise as the beams gave way and the truck was precipitated into about ten feet of water. So thickly was the truck crowded said to be carrying thirty or more persons, that few of those who realized the danger were able to jump to safety.

Heartrending Scenes
The scenes at the point where the drowning occurred were heartrending. As one body after another was lifted from the water and distinguished by relatives or intimate friends even the strongest men present gave way under the strain. Such an accident happens to a community but once in a long while. There is no way to fit one's self into the dreadful situation. In a small town of a thousand people where everybody knows everybody else and where personal contact is a daily affair, we on the outside can little imagine the effect of the loss upon Homerville of so large a number.

Mr. Gaskins, the father of two of the drowned boys and one of the best colored citizens of Homerville, said to a reporter who was there, as he stood at the head of the casket which bore his older son: "This is my boy, and looking down the line of cold bodies, and that is my little one yonder, and I have a sick child at home whom we are expecting to die any moment." He paused a moment, shaking his head, and said: "It's not for me to ask the reason why, I must bear it." Mr. Gaskins has a wife and ten more children.

Among those drowned were Hardy Brown and his bride of just three weeks, ages 23 and 20, respectively; J. B. and Minnie Hopkins, a young couple, ages 20 years; Bertie Brown and her daughter, Artie Lee, ages 35 and 19, respectively; Dennis Hopkins, age 40 years, stepfather of J. B. Hopkins; Jim Gaskins, age 24, and his little brother, Harry, age 12 years; Susie Wells, age 14; Jim Burke, age 40; Charlotte Evans, age 35; Ernest Jackson, Susie Brown, Marie Foster, Effie Wilson.

Oust Foreigners From Coal Mines

LEMONT FURNACE, Pa., Sept. 23.—According to the Federated Press an attempt to replace the Hungarians, Slavs, Poles, Austrians and Italians, who have been working in the coal mines of this vicinity, with men of Anglo-Saxon, Teutonic or Negro parentage is being made by the operators. Thousands of men, mostly colored, are being brought in by the operators in effort to break the strike.

LURE BOOZERS TO ROOFTOPS, MOB, MURDER THEM

NEW YORK CITY, September 23.

New York bandits are using a new method of luring their victims to the roofs of apartment buildings, robbing them, and then killing them, according to Richard Faulkner, white, who was lured to the top of the building at 248 W. 62nd St., robbed, and then beaten, being left for dead.

Faulkner has identified James Brooks, 241 W. 53rd Street, as the man who accosted him on the street and asked him if he wanted to buy some whiskey. He was led to a rooftop, where he was attacked by six other men.

Two other white men were lured to roofs in W. 59th Street, last Thursday, robbed, and murdered. It is thought that the same method was used.

GIRL SHIELDS HER LOVER FROM WILD MAN; IS KILLED

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 23.—Thelma Butler, 17, threw herself between Ora Smoots, her sweetheart, and a drunken white man, Fred Henshaw, when Henshaw attacked Smoots Monday night.

Her body acted as a shield for her sweetheart, and a bullet from the drunken white's pistol imbedded itself in her body, wounding her fatally. The two were standing in front of the Butler girl's home when Henshaw, brandishing a revolver, staggered up to a point near the couple and began firing at Smoots. With a scream, the girl placed herself in front of the boy as a shield, a bullet entering her head. The slayer fled, pursued by a crowd of men. He jumped upon the running board of a passing automobile and forced the driver to drive him away. After driving several blocks the driver saw that the liquor was overcoming Henshaw, and knocked him from the running board. He was then captured.

SHOOT SWEETHEART IN HEAD, GOES FREE.

On September 4, 1922, Amanda Stoball of 3837 Vincennes Avenue, shot her sweetheart, Fred Cooper, who lives at 3836 Vincennes Avenue. Cooper was shot through the head and was taken to the Cook County Hospital where his condition was reported to be serious. The girl was arrested by the Stanton Avenue Police and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to murder.

After several continuances she was arraigned before Judge Haas for preliminary hearing at the Harrison Street Court, at which time she was discharged without being held to the grand jury.

Attorney William H. Haynes appeared as counsel for the defendant.

Woman Born During Washingtons Regime Dies At Age 121

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Clara Dawson Fountain died at the home of one of her granddaughters four and a half miles from here last week. She was 121 years of age. At the time of her birth George Washington was in his second administration and at the time of the civil war she was 58 years of age and had two sons in the war. She smoked a pipe for more than a hundred years, say her descendants.

Slashes Off Adversary's Coat

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 23.—Walter Thomas, minus his coat, appeared at the police station and lodged a complaint against William McLeigh, who had attacked him with a knife and literally cut his coat off his back.

11-YEAR-OLD GIRL HAD MANIA FOR SEEING FIRES

Youthful Firebug Author Of Two Disasters, Is Unmoved By Act

GILMER, Tex., Sept. 23.—Azalee Jeffrey, eleven-year-old girl who was taken from the juvenile officers of Dallas County and placed for training in the Dickinson Orphanage at Gilmer, is the author of two disastrous fires which in the past months have caused a loss of more than \$10,000 in buildings to the institution.

Burned Girls Dormitory
Several weeks ago the people of Texas were shocked to learn of the complete destruction of the girls dormitory by a fire of unknown origin. Investigation disclosed the fact that Azalee Jeffrey was the only person in that portion of the building in which the fire originated but her story, upon being questioned was so convincing that no blame attached to her in connection with it.

As a result of this fire all of the girls and babies of the institution were rendered homeless, being compelled many of them to sleep upon the ground for want of other shelter. The building and its contents were a total loss and many of the children suffered greatly from nervous shock caused by the panic resulting therefrom.

Last week, however, the maniacal desire which seems to be a birthmark of this little girl was discovered when the office building was burned with all of the records of the institution and many of its effects.

Azalee set it afire. She was found shortly before it burst into flames, coming from it with matches in her hands looking back for traces of the blaze which shortly burst forth, completely enveloping the building.

She was taken in hand by teachers and after a severe grudging confession to having set fire to it, saying: "I just like to see it blaze." She also confessed to setting fire to the dormitory by tearing open a mattress and lighting its straw contents.

Given Back to Officers

When seen last Friday morning Rev. Dickson stated that while he was unwilling to again turn the child over to the officers from whom he had received her for training that no other course was open to him. He said: "I hate to do it. This is the first time in the whole history of the institution that we have had to contend with such a child, but I see no other way. She is not to blame, for the desire is a birthmark. I believe. Even her mother who is living declares that she has set fire to two buildings before and she cannot control her."

The child who is winsome, vivacious and apparently normal is unmoved by her experiences. She was brought back to Dallas last week. What will be done with her has not yet been decided.

She is eleven years old though with the stature of a child between the ages of seven and eight.

THREE KILLED AS SPEEDING AUTO OVERTURNS TRAIN

BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 23.—Speeding along the Baltimore, Annapolis State Road at a clip of more than fifty miles an hour, an automobile bearing three unidentified men crashed into a train of the Chesapeake Beach Line at Owings Station last Thursday. All three were killed. The impact of the automobile overturned the engine and first coach.

Waiter Shoots Wife

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 23.—Eddie Kidds, a waiter on the Pacific Lines, shot and fatally wounded his wife, Mrs. Verna Kidds. The shooting is said to have been accidental.

Dorothy Cuts Charlie

Charles Wilkins, 10, 435 East 31st Street, was cut on the forehead Thursday in a fight with the youthful Dorothy Dayton, 453 East 31st Street.